

What Is The Ekklesia Of Jesus Christ?

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Before one can teach what the true Church of Jesus Christ is, the false ideas and lies of what the Church is must be exposed.

It is no surprise that in this day and age of unprecedanted churchianity and religiosity; that the most frequently asked questions which people ask when they are confronted with the uncompromised truth from the Bible; God's Word, are as follows;

‘What religion or church do you belong to? or What do you think is the right church to join? or Which is the true church In the world today?’

If these questions sound perplexing with an element of confusion mixed in, then it is only for one reason, and that is because Satan, the father of all lies, has done a fantastic Job in setting man to create and build his own church apart from God's established order.

Temples of Doom, Synagogues of Satan, spread far and wide all across this global village in which man lives. Hundreds of thousands, myriads and myriads of diverse religions and uncountable different denominations within mainstream churchianity. It boggles the mind, all these churches upon churches stacked up in their own tower of pagan Babel, yet they each claim that they have the truth and the true doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Even the unsaved heathen, who don't know one Bible verse, can see that this is absolute hypocrisy, as he would ask himself, how can any of these churches be the true Church of Jesus Christ, when they teach Individually different doctrines, teachings, practices, and beliefs, yet (still each of then dogmatically claiming that they are the true Church of Jesus Christ.

Yes, this is the oldest con game going on in the history of man apart from prostitution. This of course is far worse, because it is spiritual prostitution. Religion period, always equals spiritual prostitution, for the simple reason that man cannot get into a right relationship with God via his own man made religion.

Basically, religion is man working towards God with any self motivated good works or self righteousness. This is the exact opposite way in which to get right with God, as God doesn't want or need our good works and filthy self-righteousness to be justified before Him. God's method is the exact opposite to man's methods, as God's way is GRACE; that is God's love coming down to man in Jesus Christ and changing man apart from his will or anything he has done. When man is using religion to worship God, the first step he usually takes, is to put other men in a position of authority which really-only God should have. Man has always had a problem with the first commandment;

‘THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.’ EXODUS 20:5

Jesus Christ said to the religiously hypocritical pharisees;

‘YE ARE GODS.’ JOHN 10:54

This Jesus Christ said, because the Pharisees had become Gods unto themselves; the true God of heaven was not their God - they were their own gods.

It is most Interesting that this problem of man's, which is namely; man putting man on a pedestal and idolizing himself, is not a new thing. The apostle Paul noticed the same thing over nineteen hundred years ago;

‘...THERE ARE CONTENTIONS AMONG YOU, NOW THIS I SAY, THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU SAITH, I AM OF PAUL, AND I OF APOLLOS, AND I OF CEPHAS, AND I OF CHRIST. IS CHRIST DIVIDED? WAS PAUL CRUCIFIED FOR YOU? OR WERE YOU BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF PAUL?’ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:11b,12,15

In the carnal Corinthian church, the members were following men before God; they had a sectarian, party or denominational spirit. Paul continues to say;

‘FOR WHILE ONE SAITH, I AM OF PAUL: AND ANOTHER, I AM OF APOLLOS; ARE YE NOT CARNAL?’ 1 CORINTHIANS 5:4

Translated into today's language, the exact same spirit could be seen;

‘For while one saith, I am of the Roman Catholic church: and another, I am of the Baptist church, I am of the Pentacostals, I am of the Presbyterians, etc., etc., ad infinitum.’

It makes God sick to His stomach. Denominational, sectarian churchianity is condemned as heresy in the bible. The apostle Paul gave the reason that they had divided up and started following men;

"I HEAR THAT THERE BE DIVISIONS AMONG YOU; AND I PARTLY BELIEVE IT. FOR THERE MUST BE ALSO HERESIES AMONG YOU. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:18b,19a.

Yes, Satan Is building his one world church with his tool of heresy and false doctrine, and this church Is called;

‘MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.’ REVELATION 17:5

This ‘WHORE OF BABYLON’, which is already being formed via the ecumenical and charismatic movement, is the final product of all the denominations and churches which will eventually all flow into it.

Yes Satan is building his church, but God the creator and builder of all things is also building His Church. This of course, brings us back to the proposition stated in the title of this letter;

‘What is the Church of Jesus Christ?’

‘I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.’
MATTHEW 16:13b

Satan will never be able to destroy the true ‘universal’ Body of Jesus Christ, because God is building it. An excellent definition of the true Church is;

‘NOW THEREFORE YE ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW-CITIZENS, WITH THE SAINTS AND OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD; AND ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE; IN WHOM ALL THE BUILDING FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER GROWETH UNTO AN HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD; IN WHOM YE ALSO ARE BUILDED TOGETHER FOR AN HABITATION OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT.’ EPHESIANS 2:19-22

The primary thing to notice is that this HOUSEHOLD OF GOD this BUILDING, this HOLY TEMPLE (which are all different names for the same thing) is a HABITATION OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT. In other words, the true church is A SPIRITUAL BODY indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul states elsewhere;

‘WHAT? KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?’ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

A Born-Again child of God (a true Christian), is a part of the true Church himself, because his or her physical body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

The majority think that the Church is an earthly BUILDING or an ORGANIZATION; this is just not true, as God says;

‘THE MOST HIGH DWELLETH NOT IN TEMPLES MADE WITH HANDS.’ ACTS 7:43

‘GOD THAT MADE THE WORLD AND ALL THINGS THEREIN, SEEING THAT HE IS LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH DWELLETH NOT IN TEMPLES MADE WITH HANDS.’ ACTS 17:24

Because the true church is not an organization built and founded by man, but instead a spiritual body, it is true that the true church is the BODY OF CHRIST;

‘...THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL.’
EPHESIANS 1:22b,23

The question that must be asked is; how does one join this true Church in particular? This is an especially valid question, when we realize that there are multitudes of corrupt churches out there.

The truth of the matter is that no man can join the true Church of Jesus Christ by his own will or volition, because it is God's work solely to add us unto HIS universal church. We don't, join the Body of Christ by joining an organization of man, such as Roman Catholicism, Presbyterian, 'Baptist, United, Pentacostal, Anglican, etc., etc. Many will say at this point; 'You mean to tell me that all these churches are not a part of the Body of Christ? The Word of God stands sure;

'FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.'
1 CORINTHIANS 5:11

There is only one foundation for the true Church and it is not I repeat Roman Catholic, not Baptist, not Presbyterian, not United Church, not Pentacostal, etc. This foundation, which is Jesus Christ is built upon by God;

'THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.' ACTS 2:4

You can go to all the churches in the world you want, but if you haven't been regenerated or quickened by the Holy Spirit, then you won't have the only true foundation of solid rock which is Jesus Christ Himself.

'FOR AS THE BODY IS ONE, AND HATH MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THAT ONE BODY, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY: SO ALSO IS CHRIST, FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY. WHETHER WE BE JEWS OR GENTILES, WHETHER WE BE BOND OR FREE; AND HAVE BEEN ALL MADE TO DRINK INTO ONE SPIRIT.'
1 CORINTHIANS 12:22,23a

Many at this point will continue to doubt and argue; justifying themselves and their false doctrines by saying that their denomination or branch of churchianity has the true foundation, just as the Bible states. But the fact is that as long as you're following an organization or a group that was started by flesh and blood, then it is false. If you think this way, then you're still carnal minded (fleshly), as Paul previously stated, besides;

'THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING; ONE LORD ONE FAITH.' EPHESIANS 4:4,5

When ignorant people ask 'WHAT FAITH ARE YOU WITH OR CONNECTED WITH?' they don't know what it is that they are asking, as there is only ONE FAITH that will save you, the rest are all dead, and not faith at all.

True sheep of God who are born again can see through these type of unenlightened questions. Religionists and Churchians, consider the following scripture;

'BUT YE ARE COME UNTO MOUNT ZION, AND UNTO THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD, THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, AND TO AN INNUMERABLE COMPANY OF ANGELS, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.'
HEBREWS 12:22,23a

Even if one looks at the original meaning and word in the greek for the word church, there is enough intent and meaning there to cause us to wonder; what are the lukewarm pharisees trying to pull off with their denominational sectarian party spirit.

The word church in the koine greek is 'EKKLESIA', which means the assembly of those 'who are the called out'.

Yes God calls His true sheep out from religion churchianity, denominationalism, and the world itself, to be a part of a spiritual invisible universal Body, which is worldwide and chronologically not by time.

At this point, the question which many religionists address should be dealt with, and that is this question of fellowship. Of course, these luke-warmers always put socializing and fleshly fellowship before fellowship with God which is in 'spirit and truth'; John 4:23,24 & 1 John 1:3. They quote verses like;

'NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS...' HEBREWS 10:25

They are trying to justify their involvement in these worldly denominations which are synagogues of Satan; they will even go so far as to say their group is non-denominational. The verse above is a fantastic verse and it is very true, we must heed it's admonition, but this is no excuse to stay in these sinfully rich temples of doom. God's method is work first, by going out and witnessing trying to find God's sheep who hear His Word that are sold out to Jesus Christ, and then there will be fellowship afterwards. These worldly churches never go out and do the work of seeking out God's lost sheep from the thorns of worldly religion, because they are too busy with their 'self-righteous good works, so they can glorify themselves, while exalting their SOCIAL GOSPEL'.

Another vital point which must be dealt with is the teaching of the local church. Many unenlightened and Pharisaical pastors tell us that we must belong to a local church, to justify their belief and desire that you must join their church and be pastored with their poison and leaven. If any Spirit-led person reads the New Testament, they will notice that in Paul's Epistle he always writes in the same way;

- 'THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH IS AT CORINTH...' 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2
- 'THE SAINTS WHICH ARE AT EPHESUS...' EPHESIAN 1:1
- 'THE SAINTS IN CHRIST JESUS WHICH ARE AT PHILIPPI...' PHILIPPIAN3 1:1
- 'TO THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL BRETHREN IN CHRIST WHICH ARE AT COLOSSAE...' COLOSSIANS 1: 2a

Paul addresses 'the local ekklesia or assembly', in each population centre or city, he never addresses his letters to different denominations or to different churches within a particular city or locale. As pointed out previously, he rebukes the Corinthians for this devisive attitude only where there was heresy, as in the Corinthlan case, where they were following different men specifically and their teachings. Where there is false practise, there is always false doctrine that leads astray. Another devisive element Paul had to deal with were the Judaizers, especially in the case of the Galatians.

The Galatians were following men as was the case of the Corinthians, but this was a case where they were specifically going back to the Old Covenant and seeking to be justified by the law of Moses. The main point though still, is that these Christians who started following Jesus Christ whom Paul preached to them, ended up following heretical Judaizers. In the New Testament times, there was only one group of believers in each geographical locale, and they called themselves christians, disciples and followers Jesus Christ, not followers of Calvin or Luther or the Pope, or Wesley, etc. Yes, satan has many names for his church; Roman Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Mennonite, Anglican, Episcopalian, Nazarene, etc., etc.

Jesus Christ also has many names for His true church;

- 'THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE' REVELATION 21:9b
- 'THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD' EPHESIANS 2:19
- 'THE BODY OF CHRIST' 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27
- 'CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN' HEBREWS 12:23a

The UNIVERSAL aspect of Jesus Christs body can never fail, but the LOCAL Jesus Christ's EKKLESIA is failing, and will continue to fail till Jesus Christ returns to this earth. The Roman Catholic political kingdom is lying when they claim they have the 'keys of the kingdom', therefore their church can never fail because of supposed claimed authority that Jesus Christ gave Peter the apostle but they are mistaken. The EKKLESIA is built on JESUS CHRIST the Rock of our salvation not a sinful apostle called PETER who is a 'small rock' petros.